Near-Future
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Act 16
[Beneath the Masks]

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Special Forces against radiation

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RRRMM
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RRRMM
A fleet of Yellow Cake ships lead by the three cruel professors looms over Tokyo...!
2036 AD. Stopped in their tracks by a Black Wings combat drone, the 3rd Division Tokyo Rescue Team risked their lives to bring it down—but in the wake of their success, the Retrieval Unit was also able to destroy the drones in the city. And now the three professors approach, followed by a fleet...!

Is this Yellow Cake's fleet, then...?
There are so many...
...are in one of those ships, aren't they?
The three profes-sors...

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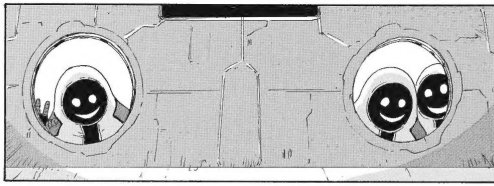
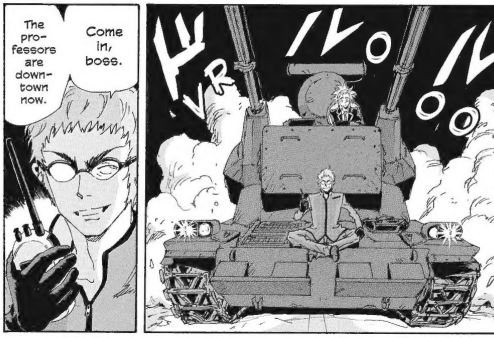
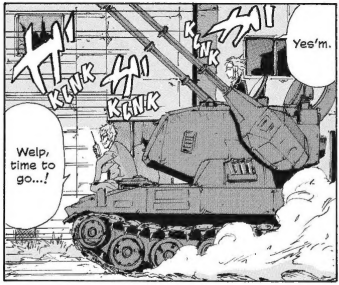
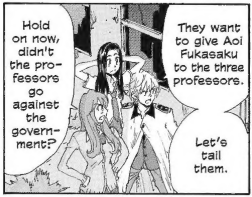


Yeah! Let's get this over with and get out!
We're not here for sight-seeing.
Where are we now? The Taito ward?
It's too dark to see!
Move it! Lemme see!

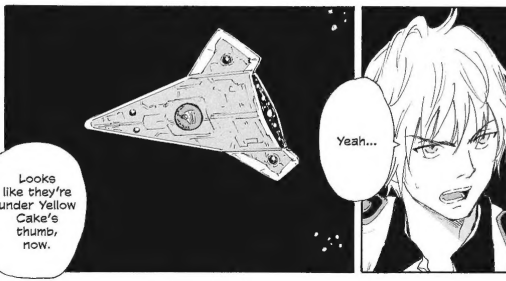

The pro-fessors are down-town now.
Come in, boss.
VR
VROOO


Yes'm.
KRNK
KRNK
KRNK
KRNK
Welp, time to go...!

FVVT
COPY.
WE'RE READY. COME BACK.


Hold on now, didn't the professors go against the government?
They want to give Aoi Fukasaku to the three professors.
Let's tail them.

Where're they goin'?!
KRNK
They're on the move!
KRNK


Looks like they're under Yellow Cake's thumb, now.
Yeah...

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Pretty *rude* ta be makin' all that noise in the middle'a the night.
What's that?
!
ゴーン
RRRMM
ゴーン
RRRMM

There's the Retrieval Unit!
I'll save you, Doctor, just you wait!

Miss Ichi-kawa ...?
Your face!
Miss Ichi-kawa ...
FHHSSSSSHH
That girl...
He's been acting weird ever since she showed up...
I knew it...
Ha...

Please, Dr. Coppelius has been using you from the sta—
Miss Ichi-kawa ...
The Doctor's s'posed to be *mine!*
Where are you?!
Miss Ichi-kawa ...?!
FWAP
Miss Ichi-kawa...!
F W S'' H
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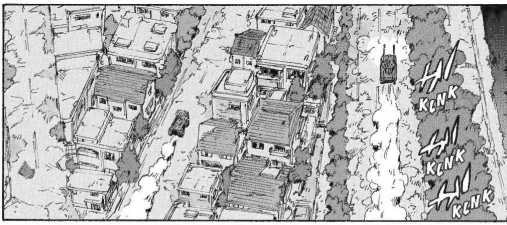
KENK
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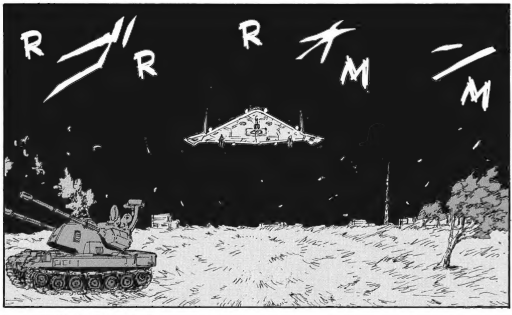
KENK

Where are they headed to?
It's the Sumida River...

Look, sis! A riverbank!

RRR...
RRR
KENK
KENK

They need somewhere big enough for an aircraft to land...
Some sort of clearing.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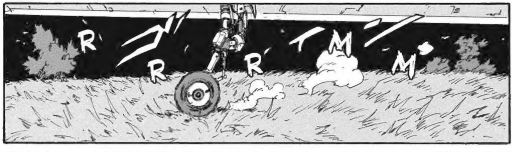
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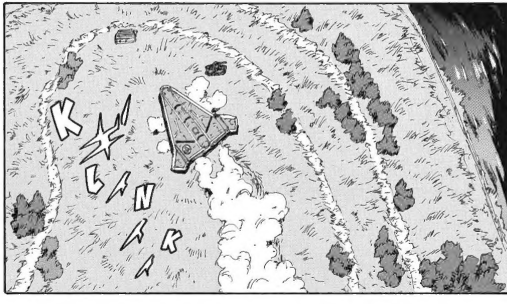
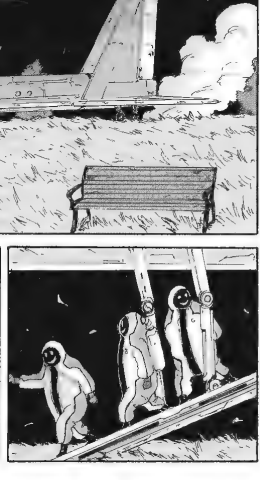
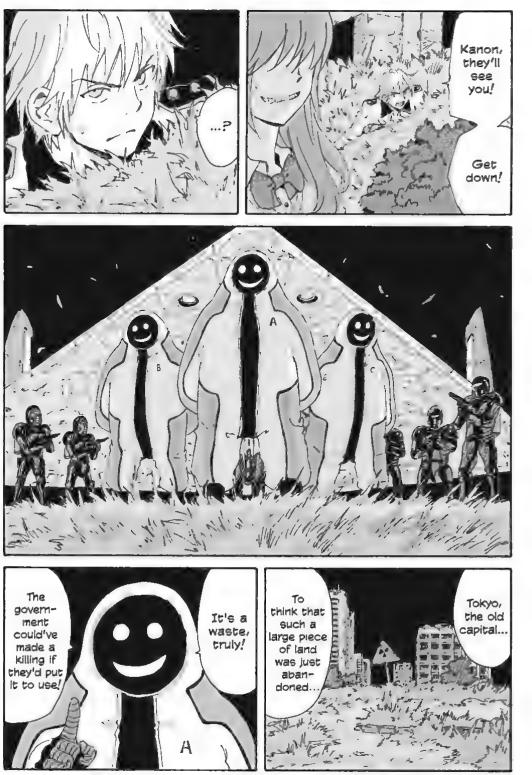

KLANK

We'll watch from here!
They've landed.

There they are...!




...?
Kanon, they'll see you!
Get down!
A
B
C
The government could've made a killing if they'd put it to use!
It's a waste, truly!
A
To think that such a large piece of land was just abandoned...
Tokyo, the old capital...

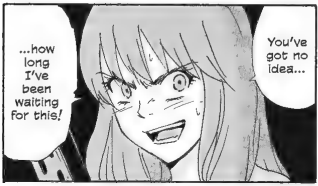
We got our photos, we're ready to go back to Kyoto!
Where's the Retrieval Unit?
I told you we're not here for sight-seeing!
CLICK
What are you fooling around for?
SWSH
Ooh, look, it's Tokyo Skytree!
GRRRMM
CLICK
Okay, just one more!

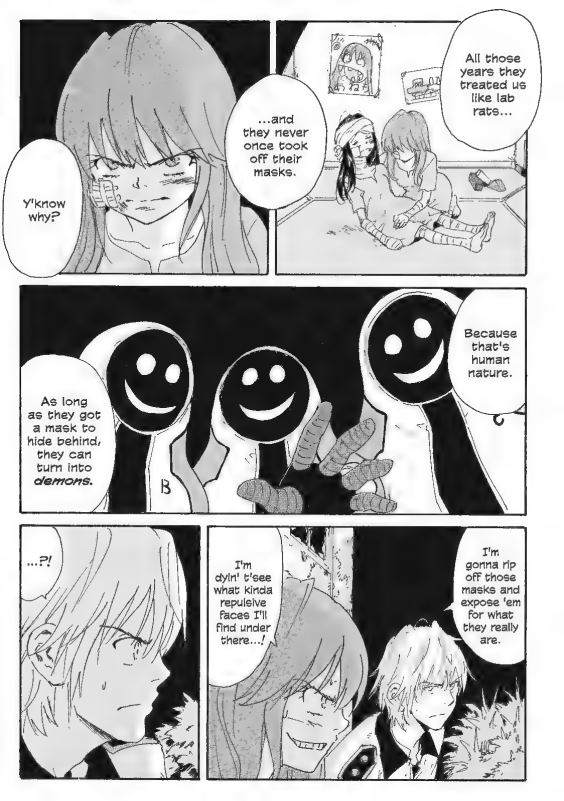
D-Don't sneak up on us!
The Retrieval Unit...!
C
A
B

...I've got unfinished business with those three.
Haruto, you grab Aoi Fukasaku.

We'll have to ambush them to stop it...!
They've started negotiations!

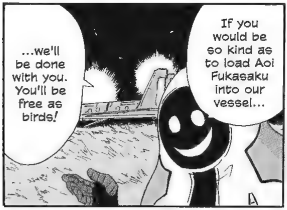
Do you plan on killing them?
For revenge?


...how long I've been waiting for this!
You've got no idea...

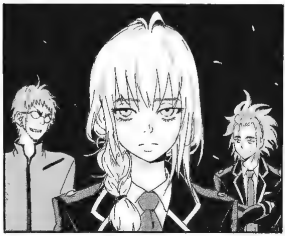

Y'know why?
...and they never once took off their masks.
All those years they treated us like lab rats...
As long as they got a mask to hide behind, they can turn into demons.
Because that's human nature.
...?!
I'm dyin' t'see what kinda repulsive faces I'll find under there...!
I'm gonna rip off those masks and expose 'em for what they really are.

Huh...?

I don't see Aoi Fukasaku!
Something's off...


If you would be so kind as to load Aoi Fukasaku into our vessel...
...we'll be done with you. You'll be free as birds!

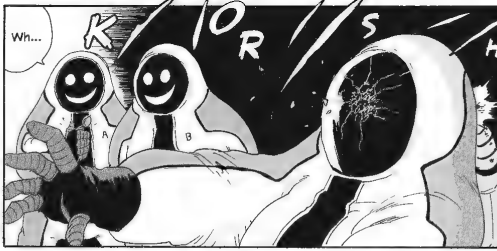
Well done, Retrieval Unit!
Let's get straight to business.



I don't even *mean* to press it! If we don't reset those microchips, it's only a matter of hours before they blow up on their own!
All it would take is one press of this button— and the kill switches embedded in your brains will explode!
You can't have forgotten the position you're in...!
What's the hold-up...?
POP
You tormented us...
You have no respect for human life.
?!
FVVT
SHE'S WITH ME.
THAT DOLL IS MY CREA-TION, AFTER ALL.
Have you gone mad?! I'll press it, you know! Now where is Aoi Fukasaku?!
You bitch...!

I'm watching from a distance.
What's the meaning of this?!
SHWSH
That voice... Dr. Coppelius?!
Show yourself!
YOU WERE BEHIND IT, WEREN'T YOU?
...
WHEN I WAS SUDDENLY CHASED OUT OF THE EXPO PARK LABORATORY...
I OWE A GREAT DEAL TO YOU!
PROFESSORS...
...and deserve nothing more than to fertilize this holy land.
You are disgraces as scientists...

CLICK
Dammit...!
Die!
Hurry!
The button! Press it!
A
B
Is it broken?!
CLICK
H-Huh?
CLICK
CLICK
You mashed it too much, you fool!
CLICK
CLICK
CLICK
CLICK
BAM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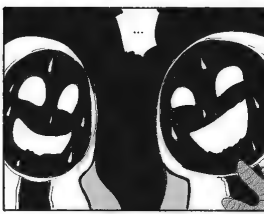
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Shoot! Mow them down!!
Wh-What are you standing around for?!
TA
TA
TA
TA
TA

WHUMP

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W
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O

K
R
A
S
H

Kill them! Hit them, you imbeciles!
TRAAA
Ee-eek!!
RA
TA
TA
TA
My... my suit!!
Aaa-argh!!
HUFF
WHEEZ!
AHHH
Gah!!
WH...UMP

R
R
R
They're taking off!
But most of 'em aren't even on board...!
Crap...! That's my prey they're pickin' off!
Look!
BAM
?!
Stay down there! Die like the insects you are!
FWAP
Unhand me, you fools!
YOU HAVEN'T FORGOTTEN THAT THOSE WERE MY INVENTION, HAVE YOU?
FWT
OH, YES, ABOUT THOSE MICRO-CHIPS IN THEIR BRAINS...

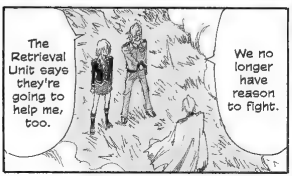
TRMBL
TRMBL
TRMBL
THE RETRIEVAL UNIT IS ALREADY FREE.
I RESET THEM.
Ah.
FWMP
Do you want money? I can give you as much as you want! Yellow Cake is loaded!
W... Wait! I was only following orders, I swear!
KRNCH

?!
SWAP
ゴオオオオオ
RRRRM
I have to... I have to hold my breath or...!
Urgh... someone... help...!
WEEE
チュドーン
BWEEM
Haruto ...?!
KABOOM
?!
This way!
GRAB
KRSSSSHH

FWMP
So, we meet again!
Yo!
That's as far as you go, Haruto.
You...!

You'll be coming with us.

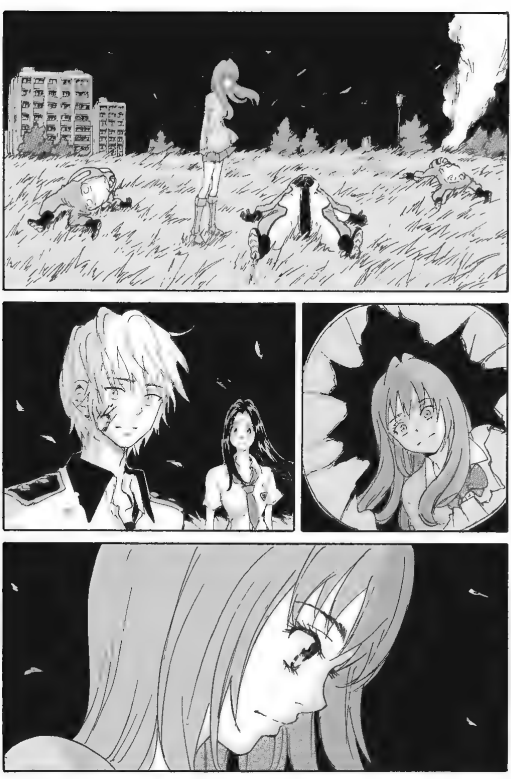
My grand plan has entered its final phase...
...and I'm in need of your assistance.

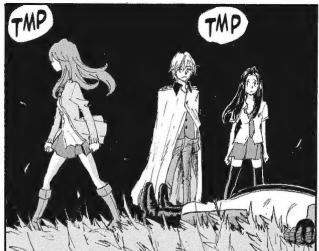

We no longer have reason to fight.
The Retrieval Unit says they're going to help me, too.

And you will be the symbol of a new era–
We'll build an empire here.
We're still cleaning up here and now.
We're not interested in a new era.
Don't leave us outta the fight!
Oh Haru-tooo...!
TMP
TMP
TMP

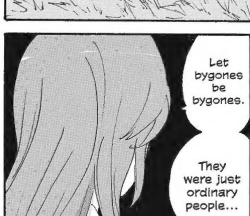
FWOOM
Oof!
WHUMMP
BOOM
OVWEEE
EEEE

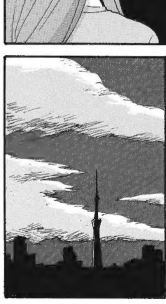
And how long will that take?
Still cleaning up, you say?
R R R
M M
...?
Still, it's hard to believe that Yellow Cake would just retreat...
Things are different now that Dr. Coppelius interfered.
They're still goin' away...
What'd they come for?




TMP
TMP

SWP


Let bygones be bygones.
They were just ordinary people...



SWSH
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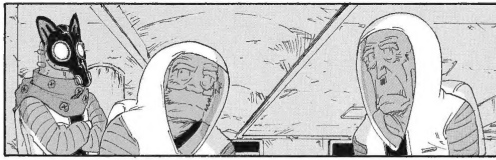
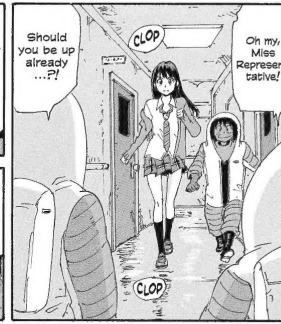
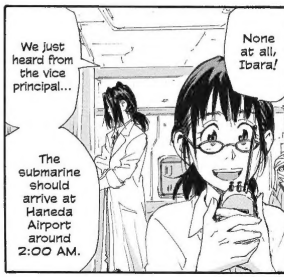
KREE
...?
Oh!
You're awake!
Ryuno-suke...!
I'm so glad you're okay!
Yup! I'm fine, thanks to you!



...that Haruto joined up with us!
Ryuno-suke told me...


Should you be up already ...?!
CLOP
Oh my, Miss Represen-tative!
CLOP

And we can talk to Miss Taeko and the others in Denen-chofu now, too!
Oh, yes!


We just heard from the vice principal...
The submarine should arrive at Haneda Airport around 2:00 AM.
None at all, Ibara!

Any problems on your end?!
Taeko!

KOFF
Oh no! Alice's condition is...!

BEEP
BEEP
BEEP
BEEP
!

BEEP
TAEKO ...?!
BEEP
BEEP
TAEKO, COME IN...!
FWT
BEEP
The situation suddenly takes a turn! Alice's life is in grave danger...!
to be continued...